

Narrator:

In Cairo on June 4th, 2009, President Obama addressed economic development and opportunity.

President Barack Obama:

On economic development, we will create a new corps of business volunteers to partner with counterparts in Muslim-majority countries. And I will host a summit on entrepreneurship this year to identify how we can deepen ties between business leaders, foundations and social entrepreneurs in the United States and Muslim communities around the world.

On science and technology, we will launch a new fund to support technological development in Muslim-majority countries, and to help transfer ideas to the marketplace so they can create more jobs. We'll open centers of scientific excellence in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, and appoint new science envoys to collaborate on programs that develop new sources of energy, create green jobs, digitize records, clean water, grow new crops.

All these things must be done in partnership. Americans are ready to join with citizens and governments, community organizations, religious leaders, and businesses in Muslim communities around the world to help our people pursue a better life.

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The Obama administration is taking action on the President's commitment to entrepreneurship. On April 26th and 27th in Washington, the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship will seek to identify how we can deepen ties between business leaders, foundations and social entrepreneurs in the United States and Muslim communities around the world. It represents an opportunity to highlight and support business and social entrepreneurship in Muslim-majority countries, including their minority populations, and Muslim communities around the world.

The United States seeks to join existing efforts and inspire new efforts to promote entrepreneurship and innovation in Muslim-majority countries and Muslim communities. Delegates have been selected to represent their home countries, regions, sectors and communities at the summit. They include successful entrepreneurs, investors, academics and leaders of entrepreneurship networks, nonprofits, foundations, and businesses who are invested in promoting business or social entrepreneurship in Muslim communities.

The summit agenda has been designed to highlight and celebrate the work and talents of many great entrepreneurs from Muslim-majority countries and Muslim communities. It provides a platform for international delegates to connect with American stakeholders and develop partnerships that provide innovative solutions to support entrepreneurial ecosystems.